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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING SEMISOLID METAL

SLURRIES AND SHAPED COMPONENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (37 CFR §1.121/MPEP 714.09)

**Box: New Patent Application with Non-Fee Amendment** 

Assistant Commissioner-for-Patents-

Washington, D.C. 20231

To the Commissioner:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, please amend its claims as follows:

## **AMENDMENTS**

## In the Specification (37 CFR §1.125):

Because the number of amendments to the specification is such that they may render the application difficult to consider, or to arrange the papers for printing or copying, the following matters are appended as per 37 CFR §1.125(b) and (c):

- A marked-up version of the substitute specification showing all of the changes (including the matter being added to and the matter being deleted from) to the specification of record (37 CFR §1.125(b));
- A substitute specification submitted under this section submitted in clean form without markings as to amended material (37 CFR §1.125(c)).

The substitute specification contains no new matter (37 CFR §1.125(b)(1)).

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